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SUBJ: HEMISPHERIC PAROLE PROGRAM

1. DURING MEETING YESTERDAY, OCT. 11, WITH COL. VICENTE SAN ROMAN AT MINISTRY OF INTERIOR, CONSUL GENERAL SHAPIRO AND VICE CONSUL BLOOD RECEIVED ENCOURAGING NEWS THAT SAN ROMAN WAS INFORMED THAT MOFA HAD CHANGED ITS REGULATIONS A FEW DAYS AGO SO AS TO PERMIT CONSULAR OFFICERS OF VARIOUS COUNTRIES TO VISIT AND INTERVIEW ARGENTINE DETAINEES IN CONNECTION WITH PROCESSING UNDER RIGHT OF OPTION PROGRAM. SAN ROMAN INDICATED THAT OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION OF THIS CHANGE WILL BE PROMULGATED IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS. IN MEANTIME, HE ASKED THAT WE SUBMIT UP-TO-DATE LIST OF ARGENTINE DETAINEES WHO HAVE APPLIED TO EMBASSY FOR CERTIFICATES OF ACCEPTABILITY, BROKEN DOWN BY PLACE OF DETENTION. EMBASSY IN PROCESS OF PREPARING LIST. IN VIEW OF PAST EXPERIENCE, HOWEVER, EMBASSY TENDS TO VIEW THIS DEVELOPMENT WITH CAUTIOUS OPTIMISM.

2. SHOULD THE AUTHORIZATION FOR OUR CONSULAR OFFICERS TO VISIT DETAINEES MATERIALIZE, CONSULAR OFFICERS WILL PROCEED WITH INTERVIEWS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER RECEIPT OF OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION. THIS DEVELOPMENT IS CONSISTENT WITH ASSURANCES RECENTLY GIVEN THE AMBASSADOR BY GENERAL VIOLA AND REPORTED BY SEPTEL. DEPARTMENT MAY ASSURE INTERESTED PARTIES THAT EMBASSY WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO IMPLEMENT HEMISPHERIC PAROLE PROGRAM AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE.
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